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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mostly higher. Trade sentiment was firm in the West, fully steady to firm in the Midwest, fully steady in the East. Retail and food service demand was mostly moderate and continued to be affected by limited truck availability and supplies. Also, in the Midwest, interest suffered further due to rain storms over the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were balanced to short. In the parts structure, wings were at least adequate and in the longest position, and tenders were readily available. The remaining items were close to tight and moving well at or above current levels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

Final report Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 5/24/04-05/28/04 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers					
Bos/New Eng	82.00-84.00	83.39	18	77.85	39
Chicago	78.00-81.00	79.44	39	81.98	73
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	80.75	26
Denver	81.50	81.50	14	82.46	17
Detroit	79.00-82.00	81.11	19	82.03	56
Los Angeles	82.00	82.28	65	83.10	151
New York	81.00-84.00	82.72	23	79.87	59
Philadelphia	81.00-83.00	81.75	12	81.98	23
Pittsburgh	82.00-84.00	82.63	12	82.01	57
St. Louis	79.25-79.50	78.85	22	79.66	37
San Francisco	82.50	83.25	32	86.03	73

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	05/24/04	Change/Last Wk	05/17/04	05/26/03
611	81.77	1.27	80.50	61.33

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
East	82.25-85.50	84.78	32
Central	80.50-88.00	84.33	78
West	88.00-94.00	89.81	38

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	76.50-78.00	77.66	87
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 77.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,113	74.00-79.25	77.04

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	255.50	1,431
BREASTS - B/S	246.00	5,643
BREASTS - WHOLE	132.50	1,988
THIGH MEAT - B/S	121.50	1,068
LEG QUARTERS	37.50	8,112
WINGS	119.50	3,010

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were clearing well with the 3 pound birds noted in the best position. Retail and distributive draw was about fair. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were tight and held in confident hands. Dark meat lines were closely cleared. Wings were at least adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to good, best for retail ads and fast food promotions, with improvements expected as Memorial Day approaches. Supplies were balanced to short of full trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good. All items were no more than adequate to tight and moving at premium levels to satisfy retail and further processing needs; however, wings were more available, but manageable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were 1 cent higher than last Monday's levels. The market tone was firm with trading reported for this week deliveries at much higher prices. Offerings were adequate overall. Sellers continue to offer product at premium levels. Buying activity had increased, in some areas, as buyers secure product for the combined Memorial Day and first-of-the-month anticipated improved interest. Retailer demand was moderate to good best for parts and planned feature activities. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported trading on parts for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk 39-42 and 4/10s 41-47, boneless leg meat 102-103, wings 103-112, bone-in breast 138-146 and boneless 240-244. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average for last week should have read 87.95 up 1.74 with the volume reported at 30 loads up 15 percent. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average for this week is 92.26 up 4.31 with the volume reported at 27 loads down 9 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices increased into all areas from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was fully steady to firm. Offerings were very limited as was transport. Retail and food service demand was mostly moderate; best interest in promotional ads and restaurants. Storms over the weekend, tight supplies and transport issues hampered weekend demand. Floor stocks short to adequate; weights mixed. Offerings of parts were very limited, except large wings were available. The market tone was fully steady to firm on all parts, except large wings were barely steady to weak.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was at least moderate entering the week. Seller offerings ranged adequate to short with the 3 pound sizes in the better balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed but mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 82 to 93 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, wings and tenders were at least adequate to available. The balance of items were in good balance to tight and well cleared.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	82-97
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	86.10
NO. OF BOXES	6,931

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was fair to moderate entering the week as dealers noted good weekend clearances and limited offerings. Breast items were in very close balance and held with confidence. Dark meat lines were closely cleared. Wings were at least adequate. Retail and distributive draw was moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items and dark meat cuts, no better than steady on wings.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING		AVG	LBS
BREAST - B/S	245-250		239.88	443,160
TENDERLOINS	225		226.74	72,960
BREAST - WITH RIBS	131-132		136.56	111,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	131		132.52	132,600
LEGS	53-54		52.07	320,518
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41		39.06	306,444
DRUMSTICKS	41-42		43.91	182,216
THIGHS	45-46		50.68	143,761
B/S THIGHS	116-117		116.63	75,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101		102.08	165,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.10	31,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		29.70	13,280
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		59.58	18,600

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,337	168.00-276.00	233-240	233.67
TENDERLOINS	363	220.00-242.00	225-235	228.99
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,030	33.00-36.00	33-35	34.77
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,222	35.00-38.00	37-38	37.05
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	05/24	05/20	05/20	05/17	05/13
ALA	4,006	3,741	5.19	3,532	5.10
ARK	5,388	5,376	4.91	5,477	4.98
DELMARVA	2,246	2,248	5.53	2,214	5.46
KY-LA-TN	2,038	2,023	4.93	2,036	4.88
MISS	3,037	2,968	5.43	2,946	5.36
NC	2,434	2,451	6.31	2,365	6.30
TEXAS	2,431	2,511	5.10	2,509	5.11
TOTAL	21,580	21,318	5.28	21,079	5.27
MON	21,580(A)			21,079(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-May 2004 is estimated to be 32,286,000 up 2.07 percent from a week ago. and up 148.6 percent from a year ago. (last week 31,631,000 last year 12,988,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	(000)			AVG
BREAST - B/S	916	240.00-315.00	242-247	250.42
TENDERLOINS	310	220.00-280.00	220-225	226.87
BREAST - LINE RUN	124	129.00-135.00	129-132	132.42
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	71	48.00-60.00	49-50	50.48
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	479	33.00-38.00	36-37.5	36.61
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,200	37.00-42.00	38-39	38.53
WINGS (WHOLE)	339	94.00-120.00	96-99	99.39
WINGS (CUT)	602	105.00-119.00	-	115.30
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	180	105.00-131.00	-	116.06

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAY 24, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
76.00 - 82.50	80.83	79.74

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF MAY-24-28-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	234.00 - 248.00	240.00 - 248.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	128.00 - 151.00	129.00 - 136.00
LEGS	37.00 - 56.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36.00 - 41.50	37.00 - 39.00
DRUMSTICKS	36.00 - 51.00	-
THIGHS	46.00 - 54.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	90.00 - 111.00	104.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 49.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	95.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	99-103
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	

FROZEN SQUABS 600

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	95-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-105
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	71-81
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 108-116
	ICE PACK 108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 108-110
	ICE PACK 108
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 93
	DRY PACK 93-95
DUCKS	162-185

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

21-MAY-2004

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.50-16.00	16.00	1,120,000	520,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.91	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-20.00	12.75-18.00	2,420,800	1,020,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.00	14.58		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.00	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Supplies of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-MAY-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-10.25	9-9.5	9.27
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

21-MAY-2004

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	14.00-16.00	122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-18.00	12.00-16.00	1,995,200	489,600
WTD AVERAGE	14.87	13.48		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady to full steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-MAY-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-12.5	9-9.75	9.89

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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